U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission LOG OF MEETING



SUBJECT: Riding Mower Safety

DATE OF MEETING: 9-28-06

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Kumagai

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: 2-13-07

LOCATION: CPSC, HQ, Bethesda, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Mark Kumagai, ESME, Dean LaRue, EXHR, Pam Major, Compliance, Mary Toro, Compliance, Hugh Mclaurin, ES, Randy Butturini, ESEE

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Gregg Curry, Ariens Company, Corey Bucher, Ariens Company

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Curry and Mr. Bucher presented an electronic device that senses the slope angle that a riding mower is operating on. If the angle exceeds a preset incline angle, the operator receives a visual and audible warning signal that he indicates that the hill is too steep. A second steeper preset incline angle automatically disconnects the power to the cutting blades. Mr. Curry reported that Ariens has field tested this systems and intends to install them on future production mowers.